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Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing please find a response to a non-final Office Action dated February 8, 2006. A shortened statutory period of three (3) months was set for response.

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